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# VISIONS AND VIEWS

NILA - THE NEBRASKA INTERNATIONAL LANGUAGES ASSOCIATION



**THE 2010 NILA FALL  
CONFERENCE WAS A GREAT  
SUCCESS! THANK YOU TO  
ALL WHO HELPED.**

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## SAVE THE DATE!

NOV. 19-21,  
2010  
ACTFL  
CONFERENCE IN  
BOSTON, MA

MAR. 3-5, 2011  
CENTRAL STATES  
CONFERENCE IN  
INDIANAPOLIS  
INDIANAPOLIS,  
IN

OCT. 14-15,  
2011  
NEXT YEAR'S NILA  
FALL CONFERENCE  
AT CREIGHTON  
UNIVERSITY IN  
OMAHA





## NILA AWARDS 2010

MARDI NORTH FROM THE NEBRASKA STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION RECEIVED THE PRO LINGUA AWARD FOR HER DEDICATION TO PROMOTING WORLD LANGUAGES.



## EMERITUS AWARD

DAVE CREWS WAS AWARDED EMERITUS STATUS FOR HIS CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE PROFESSION THROUGHOUT HIS YEARS AS A WORLD LANGUAGE EDUCATOR.



## NATF AWARD

THE NATF AWARD FOR THE OUTSTANDING TEACHER WENT TO JANE SEARCEY.

## NATG AWARD

THE NATG AWARD THIS YEAR WAS A SPECIAL ONE...DIANE WULF WAS ONE OF FOUR TEACHERS IN THE NATION TO BE AWARDED THE AATG / GOETHE-INSTITUT CERTIFICATE OF MERIT. SHE WILL RECEIVE THE AWARD AT THE AATG LUNCHEON AT ACTFL IN NOVEMBER.



## NATSP AWARD

THE NATSP AWARD FOR THE OUTSTANDING SPANISH TEACHER WENT TO NILA JACOBSON.



## NILA OUTSTANDING NEW EDUCATOR AWARD

JIM NAILON OF ST. THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC SCHOOL WON THE OUTSTANDING NEW WORLD LANGUAGE EDUCATOR AWARD FOR 2010.



## NILA OUTSTANDING EDUCATOR AWARD

CAROLINA MOLINA MARTÍN (FORMERLY OF BLAIR HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE OF SAINT MARY) RECEIVED THE NILA OUTSTANDING WORLD LANGUAGE EDUCATOR AWARD.

**WE HOPE TO SEE YOU AGAIN NEXT YEAR AT CREIGHTON UNIVERSITY IN OMAHA...MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!**



**A HUGE THANK-YOU TO  
OUR WONDERFUL  
PRESENTERS!  
WITHOUT YOU, THERE  
WOULD BE NO  
CONFERENCE.**

## 2010 ELECTION RESULTS

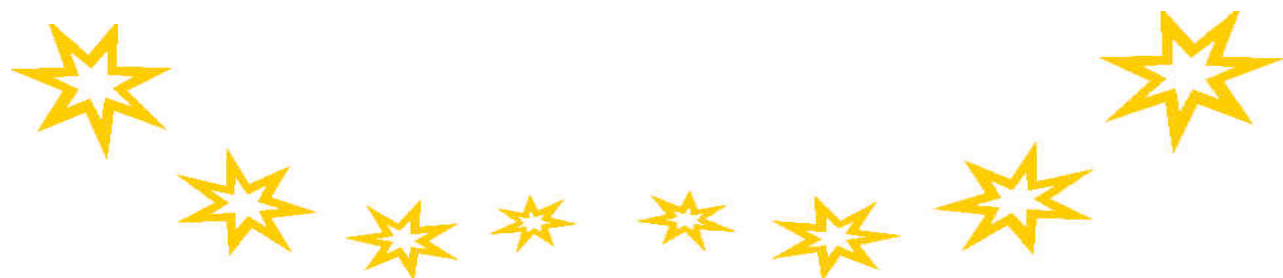
CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEW OFFICERS!

Vice President – Rebecca Gill Renken  
Secretary – Mel Hernandez



## 2010 STAR Award Recipients

Cyndi Berve, Papillion LaVista High School  
Rita Blanco, Southern High School  
Pat Branson, Bellevue East High School  
Wendy Brennan, Millard North Middle School  
María Carolina Bustamante, University of Nebraska-Lincoln  
Kathy deBoer, Aldrich Elementary School  
Mitzi Delman, Westside High School  
Shanna Hellerich, Shelton High School  
Angela Hlava, Norris High School  
Stephanie Iwan Flamme, Logan View High School  
Nila Jacobson, Southwest High School  
Marlene Knobbe, West Point Guardian Angels Elementary  
Candida Kraska, Millard West High School  
Volker Langeheine, Millard North High School  
Barbara Lund Irvin, Westside Middle School  
Carolina Molina Martín, Blair High School  
Jeffrey Sill, Central High School  
Patricia Sulu, Scottsbluff High School



## TRAVEL OPPORTUNITIES, PENDING LEGISLATION, ADVOCACY OPPORTUNITIES...

Dear Nila Members,

I am writing in order to inform you about the following two important opportunities:

**\*\*\*\*Fund for Teachers** – Last year Fund for Teachers, through The Malaika Foundation, awarded fellowships for self-designed professional development to 23 Nebraska PreK-12 teachers totaling almost \$100,000. All Pre-kindergarten through 12th grade teachers in Nebraska school districts are eligible. Please apply and take advantage of this wonderful opportunity.

Application available online: October 2010.

Application deadline: January 29, 2011

Awardees notified: April 2011

Fellowships term: Summer 2011

Find further information and the downloadable application form at:

<http://www.fundforteachers.org/> Click on Apply, then click on the state of Nebraska and view the application information under "The Nebraska Program."

### **\*\*\*\*HR 6036 – "Excellence and Innovation in Language Learning Act"**

Congressmen Holt and Tonko have sponsored HR 6036 which will provide **significant** levels of funding at the national, state, and local levels for language education (**see below**). Please help get co-sponsors for this bill so that Congress will realize how important this legislation is for students in the U.S. and for building our nation's language capacity! (**Please note:** This is only an effort to get House Members to sign on to the legislation. A Senate campaign will be conducted as soon as soon as there are sponsors in the Senate.)

#### **PURPOSES OF HR 6036:**

- To address 21st century U.S. national security and global leadership challenges by stimulating excellence, innovation and reform in national, state and local policies and programs regarding the teaching and learning of foreign languages at the K-12 levels.
- Provide every student access to quality foreign language instruction as part of articulated K-12 language sequences with the goal of graduating high school students with an advanced level of proficiency.
- Strengthen innovative preparation and recruitment initiatives for future foreign language teachers and enhance professional development opportunities for current teachers.

**Authorization: \$400,000,000** for fiscal year 2011 and such sums that may be necessary for each of the succeeding fiscal years, for programs as follows:

**National Activities (\$100,000,000):** Establish a significant U.S. Department of Education leadership role.

**State Activities (\$100,000,000):** Establish a significant State role to expand and articulate access to K-12 foreign language learning statewide.



**Foreign Language Education Partnership Programs (\$200,000,000):** The Secretary of Education would provide grants for eligible partnerships to develop, maintain, improve, and expand model programs of articulated foreign language learning from kindergarten through grade 12 that increase the number of students graduating from high school with an advanced level of proficiency in at least one foreign language.

-----Visit the ACTFL Website and on the left-hand side (green) under "What's New" and you will find the following link: [Your Help is Urgently Needed for New Language Legislation: Please Act Today!](#)

You will find information on how to contact your congressman, a sample letter, the Excellence and Innovation in Language Learning Act Summary and a copy of the Bill (HR 6036). Please take the time to get the word out and to help advance this most important legislation!!!!

Sincerely,

Marlene Knobbe  
NILA Past-President

